

Around the Services

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Navy

Sailors from USS *Thorn* used bolt cutters and knives to free the only surviving sea turtle in a group of four found tangled in some discarded netting. *Thorn* was in the Mediterranean Sea, headed in the general direction of the tangled turtles, when a helicopter deployed with the ship spotted them from the air and called for a rescue team.



Coast Guard

The USCGC *Sherman* returned to Alameda, Calif., July 13, completing a six-month deployment in the Arabian Gulf with two Navy destroyers. *Sherman* performed maritime law-enforcement duties in the region and helped enforce United Nations' sanctions against Iraq. Other missions included the rescue of a stricken merchant vessel off the coast of eastern South Africa.



Department of Defense

The final product of the Quadrennial Defense Review is due to Congress Sept. 30. The QDR is DOD's vehicle to transform the American military. Defense leaders use QDR information to shape budgets and address long-term strategy, force structure and resource management. The Military Force Structure Act of 1996 ordered the first QDR, and the fiscal year 2000 National Defense Authorization Act made the requirement permanent. The next QDR will be conducted in 2005.



Air Force

An American flag which had flown over the grave of Air Force Lt. George E.M. Kelly, the first military pilot killed in a crash of a military aircraft, was lowered for the final time here during the July 13 closure ceremony for Kelly Air Force Base, Texas. The base will now be known as Kelly USA, a global business and industrial center.